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The Seventh Biennial Reunion

OF THE IOWA ASSOCIATION.

Held at the School for the Deaf, July 5 to 7--The Proceedings.

The Seventh Biennial Reunion of the Iowa Association of the Deaf was held at the school, July 5th to 7th inclusive, and was one of the most lively and profitable in every way. The attendance numbered nearly one hundred.

There was no meeting in the forenoon as the delegates were arriving then.

At three o'clock in the afternoon, July 5th, the delegates assembled in the chapel, and the convention was called to order by President E. D. Waring, of Grinnell, Iowa, and opened with prayer by Rev. A. W. Mann, the deaf missionary.

After prayer President Waring announced the object of the gathering, and then introduced Supt. H. W. Rotherth, who delivered an address of welcome. Among other things, Supt. Rotherth spoke of the school that has been greatly improved since he first came, and that upon looking at the delegates he recognized many of them who were under his charge while they were boys and girls. Now they have grown up and are earning their living by the sweat of their brow. A response to the address was made by Albert Adams, of Washington, D. C. He was one of Iowa's first pupils, having been at school only a short time. At that time a portion of the school was burned down. He went to Gallaudet College without graduating here. He dwelt upon the change of the school after twenty years had elapsed. He said that the east wing of the main building was the only structure while he was attending school.

At the conclusion of Mr. Adams' response to Supt. Rotherth's address of welcome, the President delivered his address, which was at the same time given orally by Ed. Rotherth in behalf of the hearing present.

Here is the president's address:

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

We have come together to accept the kind and mother-fearing invitation of our alma mater, and to pay a tribute of gratitude to her for the fact that our being well educated is one of the happy results of her wise teaching.

Our school days were spent here and no more. We are now men and women and are struggling for bread. We are here to work for the benefit of others. We are here to discuss matters that pertain to the welfare of the deaf.

Joy is always blended with sorrow. At this meeting we miss a goodly number of those who have been called away to the great beyond. Sorrow teaches good lessons.

Since I have been president of the association, I have been studying different deaf conventions and their ways of doing business. Indeed, I find it is that very little progress has been made during the past three years.

To build up a strong union association we must form local unions in various parts of the state.

I offer the following suggestions: Change the name to that of the Iowa Gallaudet Union; incorporate; appoint three or more vice-presidents, empowered to establish local unions; keep a bureau of information--an accurate list of all deaf persons, alive and dead; print proceedings of all former meetings of the general union; that the legislature be petitioned again relative to the manual alphabet matter.

The matter of supporting missionary work in Iowa is a great puzzle. Owing to the financial stringency of the past two years the committee which was appointed on this matter has not pushed it.

From the press, from the tailor's scissors, from the printing press, from the desk, and from the carpenter's bench--we all come with our ideas--and I assure you that before the end of the convention you will have profited much by participating in the general debate, and will have enjoyed the pleasure of meeting your former school companions and teachers. Throw away personal jealousies; the only thing necessary to the success of the meeting is--work with good will.

Rev. Mr. Mann gave a lecture on "Europe," in the evening.

The next day the convention met again, and after a little routine work the following committees were appointed:

A committee of five to revise the Constitution and By-Laws.
A committee on Resolutions.

A committee on Necrology.
The last named committee was new to the convention, and was introduced by Mr. J. S. Long, and after adding up the deaths of the members of the association and also of pupils who attend school here, and those who have been citizens of the State regardless of where they were educated, the number of deaths that have occurred since our *Alma Mater* was born is forty-five, so far as is known.

It was resolved that the secretary keep an obituary list, and hereafter when deaths occur, the fact should be reported to him.

When the convention assembled again on the second day, letters of greetings were received from the Wisconsin and Minnesota Reunions.

A telegram of greeting and "Long live the Combined System," was sent to the Texas Reunion, which was in session nearly the same time as the Iowa.

A letter was received from Mr. John Schwartz, of Minnesota, in regard to the combining of the three States, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, to help pay the travelling expenses of a missionary to the deaf. This subject brought out a long discussion, which lasted nearly an hour. It was finally decided, upon motion by J. S. Long, that we notify Mr. Schwartz that this association is unable to do anything at present toward contributing to the support of a travelling missionary for the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa.

Then Mr. J. S. Long gave his oration, which will be found in the JOURNAL later. He spoke of the school and its changes since he left fourteen years ago.

Mr. J. Middleton, of Cedar Rapids, Ia., who was the first pupil of the Iowa school, told where the *Alma Mater* was born and how it has enlarged since. The first school was in Iowa City, in a very small building consisting of seven rooms. One room was used for kitchen and dining room. The second room in the basement for boys' study and sleeping room. The third room for school, and the attic was used for girls' sleeping and study room.

The next thing was about the manual alphabet, that has been passed at our preceding conventions to have it inserted in the text books of public schools. It was before the legislature, but was killed, and it was discussed at length by several of the members, and it was finally decided to appoint a committee of three to work on it, the committee to consist of persons from the association or outsiders who are citizens of the State of Iowa. A vote of thanks was given to the old committee for their untiring efforts in influencing a number of members of the legislature.

Then came a paper on "The Great Trans-Mississippi," by Mr. A. Adams, as follows:

THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI STATES, OR THE GREATER WEST.

Possibly your president invited me to read an address on the Trans-Mississippi States because he was afraid that my residence in the East for nearly twenty years past had caused me to forget this section of the country. If such is the case I hasten to assure you that he is mistaken. I have always remembered that I am a native Trans-Mississippian, and as such have taken a deep interest in the progress of the Greater West.

Still in preparing this paper I found much that was new and interesting, and hope what is now presented will prove worthy of your attention.

When the national capital was permanently located in Washington at the beginning of the century, the western limits of the United States was the Mississippi River. At that time they contained about 5,000,000 inhabitants, with the center of population very near Washington. Not a single state or territory west of the Mississippi had been organized. Indeed it is doubtful if anyone expected this section would ever be settled. It is related that a certain congressman in the course of a debate in 1800 remarked that some time the settlements might extend to the Mississippi.

For this he was hoisted at, and would have been called a crank if that word had been in existence. The Trans-Mississippi region now includes twenty-three states and territories with a population in 1890 of 17,000,000, or a little over one-fourth that of the whole country.

The first Trans-Mississippi State to be admitted to the Union was Louisiana in 1812; while Missouri entered nine years later. But if we get the average year of admission we find that it is 1860; or in other words the Greater West had been a state for 33 years in contrast with the Greater East, which has enjoyed that advantage for 100 years. The history of the Greater West though can be said to have commenced with the expulsion of the Normans from Nanvoo, Ill., in 1840. Fleeing to our state they soon afterward started on their long journey to the Great Salt Lake. This trip and their settlements showed the resources of the country, and started immigration westward. Soon afterwards the discovery of gold in California, drew about 100,000 men there, a large number of whom took the

overland route. The completion of the Union Pacific in 1869, and the homestead laws of the government were most important factors in the early progress of the Trans-Mississippi States.

The Greater West has a much larger area than the Greater East. Were one to ask you to mark its center you would most likely say Denver. This would ordinarily seem right, but were you to include Alaska, then the center would be in the Pacific Ocean off the northwest coast of Washington (48° N. lat., 128° E. long). The physical features of this vast region are unsurpassed. Instead of going to Europe to see the Alps let the American tourist come to the Greater West and view the Rocky Mountains. The Rhine is a creek compared with the Mississippi. Where is there a valley that equals the Yosemite of California. We could put all Europe into the Ganges of the Colorado River, and then not fill it. The Gardens of the Gods, Yellowstone, National Park, Mount of the Holy Cross and Great Salt Lake are not approached in any other part of the world. The great chain of Alaska, can freeze out any other glacier. The boasted ruins of Europe pale into insignificance before those of the Cliffs of the New Mexico. The great chain of our American traveller wants a variety of climate, he need only be reminded that the Greater West extends from near the tropic to a point well within the Arctic Circle.

Going deeper than the surface one would find soil adapted to every branch of agriculture. An abundance of raw material is found at places convenient for transportation, inviting manufactures. Gold and silver is abundant in certain localities, while coal, iron, lead, copper, salt, tin, and building stones are found in nearly every state.

It might be well to get an idea of what has been done with these resources by the inhabitants of the Trans-Mississippi States. But first it would seem best to know something of the people themselves. Most of them are immigrants from either the East or from Europe. There is a large proportion of foreign born than is found in the Greater East, but those we have make good citizens. On the other hand a large part of the immigrants locating in the East, are destitute. They are the scum of Europe, coming here to crowd the big cities. In New York, they become Tammany hangers, in Philadelphia beggars, in Boston Street fakirs, and in Chicago anarchists. What we lack in quantity we make up in quality, so there is no need to envy the more populous East.

Now follows in regard to the industries of the Greater West was taken from the 11th census, and is mostly for the year 1889. For comparison with the rest of the country, it should be remembered that the West with the East, made up the entire population.

The agricultural products of the Greater West were nearly half of the total. It should not be forgotten that the western portion of the 10th meridian and north of the 36th parallel, embracing two-thirds of the Greater West is known as the Great American Desert, and is a large region of barren, irrigation, backed by western pluck, is making it the most productive region of the world with the exception of our own fertile prairie. Iowa leads in corn and wheat, and the top in other agricultural products.

In manufactures, we are about one-seventh of all. The next census will most likely show a decided improvement. The great drawback at present is the lack of transportation.

In minerals we produced our share. The gold and silver of California yielded \$1,000,000,000 during the past 50 years. An increase of railroads will be followed by an increase in our mining output.

The railroad mileage in the Greater West is much the larger part of the country we are really behind in this respect. Instead of the 10,000 miles of railroad credited to us in 1889, we have but 4,000 miles. The greater wealth we are a little above the average for the whole country. The wealth of the Trans-Mississippi States is estimated in 1889 at \$30,000,000,000. The population divided among its 17,000,000 inhabitants would give each \$1,100. Now the per capita wealth of the U. S. is (census of 1890) \$1,000. But in comparing the wealth of the West with the East, we should consider its distribution. It is well known that the larger eastern cities contain scores of millionaires, while the west has but a few. New York, for instance, can be said to be made up of millionaires and paupers, the rich being very rich and the poor miserably poor. The Greater West with its large agricultural population enjoys a much more equal distribution of wealth. Bear in mind that for a family of five (the average size at the last census) \$5,000 is its share, so when you heads of families find you have reached that number don't try to add ciphers till your wealth goes up to 50,000 or 500,000. Iowa is known as the Corn and Hog State. Don't be contented as one of the two-legged dogs.

In education, as judged by our public school system, we compare favorably with the Greater East, in spite of our more scattered population. We are far ahead of the Louisiana contains more literates than any state in the Union. Still as one of the graduates of this institution is now teaching down there, we may hope for a better showing at the next census. Partly as an offset to Louisiana can be mentioned Nebraska, which leads the U. S. in the proportion of inhabitants able to read and write.

Another of our graduates will be teaching there this fall, and can be depended upon to keep up the good record. In the matter of higher education we can point with pride to the Leland Stanford Junior University, Palo Alto, Cal., evidently destined by reason of its large endowment and progressive policy to become the leading university in the United States. Coming down to the level of the deaf, we find that provisions have been made in all the Trans-Mississippi States. About one-fourth of all the students who have entered Gallaudet, came from west of the Mississippi. Many others must have been prevented from entering by the expense of the long trip to Washington.

On the whole, church work in the Greater West is in a satisfactory condition. But in the matter of religious work among the deaf the Greater West is behind the Greater East. The latter section has no less than ten regularly ordained ministers for the deaf, while this section has but one. Our solitary minister is doing all he can, but we hope it will not be much longer that Rev. Mr. Cloud, who is now present, enjoys the distinction of being the Trans-Mississippi minister of the Deaf.

Politically the Greater West is well off. A few states may at one time or another have elected governors who ought never to have left the shades of private life. Others have from time to time been afflicted with legislature whose actions brought ridicule

on the state. The woman politician and the long-haired and long-tongued statesmen have had their innings, but the Greater West still survives. It has sent a number of leading men to congress, and has been well represented in the cabinet. To be sure no President has yet been chosen from the Trans-Mississippi States, but as the center of population is now in Indiana, and advancing steadily westward, we can expect to furnish a President at no distant day. A future President may even now be in this hall.

Fifty years ago the greater part of the Trans-Mississippi region was a howling wilderness, claimed by the Indians and the buffalo. Now it is dotted with prosperous cities and farming communities representing a civilization of moral and material grandeur. It has riches unnumbered awaiting capital and labor, its soil is capable of supporting ten times the existing population; its mineral resources, barely touched, await invention and transportation. To draw the attention of the world to the attainments and homelike possibilities of the Greater West, the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition was opened at our sister city of Omaha. Let us visit this unprecedented object lesson and feel a pride that we belong to the Greater West.

There was also a paper on "Should the Deaf attend the Agricultural College?"

One of the most interesting subject that came up before the Convention was the "Combined Method." It was moved that we reaffirm our adherence to the belief, the result of personal experience as well as observation, that the combined system of educating the deaf, which adapts the method to the pupil and not the pupil to the method, is the best and most satisfactory system of educating the deaf. It was resolved that a copy of the same be sent to the National Educational Association then in session in Washington, D. C.

The following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, We believe the association should be organized upon a sound business basis, and that the greater good can be accomplished with the association organized under State laws with a charter; be it

Resolved, That the standing executive committee be instructed to take the necessary steps and secure a charter for the Association; and further, be it

Resolved, That the committee be authorized to draw such funds from the treasury of the Association as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of these resolutions.

Resolved, That the Standing Executive Committee be instructed to collect and print in one pamphlet the proceedings of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh meetings of our Association; and further,

Resolved, That the committee be authorized to draw from the treasury such funds as are necessary to carry out the provisions, provided that the work of printing be open to bids and awarded to the lowest bid, compatible with good work.

Resolved, That thanks of the Association be tendered to the Board of Trustees for extending the hospitalities of the Institution to the Convention; to our good Superintendent and his wife for their generous and hospitable entertainment of members of the Association and the thoughtful attention given to the comfort of members. To the local committee for the very satisfactory way in which they have performed their duties; to Mr. Z. B. Thompson for extra work in printing programs for the Convention; to the retiring officers for the faithful discharge of their duties.

On motion of Mr. Long, it was decided that the Executive Committee be instructed to formulate some plan for the division of the State into districts, for the purpose of organizing branch meetings of the Association, and report on the plan at the next general convention.

Now in regard to securing a charter it was moved by J. Simpson, Superintendent of the Sioux Falls School, that we get one even if it costs fifty dollars, but the actual price is some where between twenty-five and thirty-five dollars.

The election of officers occurred on the last day of the meeting, and just before the election, Dubuque, Ia., was chosen as this place for the next meeting, in 1901.

The result of the election is as follows:

President, J. Schuyler Long, of Delavan, Wis.

First Vice-President, Matthew McCook, Dubuque, Ia.

Second Vice-President, Albert Adams, Washington, D. C.

Secretary, Lilla McGowan, Oche-yedan, Ia.

Treasurer, Conrad Zorbaugh, Council Bluffs, Ia.

A dance was given in the chapel Wednesday evening, and a banquet at the Grand Hotel in the city on Thursday evening. Mr. F. C. Holloway was the toastmaster.

F. E. W.

Capability is the polestar of revolution.

PEORIA, ILL.

The Glorious Fourth, the day of all days to the liberty-loving Americans, was ushered in by Peoria early in the morning. There was the roar of the anvils, the deafening report of the dynamite cracker and the sharp, piercing sound produced by the smaller utensils of the patriotic demonstrations. Then came the crack of toy pistols, the more alarming report of the revolver and shot gun. Such was the case seen and heard by dawn of that day, but the deaf people took no part in the demonstration as they were busily engaged in filling up their market baskets with delicious eatables, and left their homes and went to a corner in the heart of the city, which was selected as the place for the meeting of the crowd. All boarded a street car and left the city, gliding up and down the hills, swinging right and left around the curves for six long miles. Finally our destination was reached and our first picnic was inaugurated in Prospect Heights Park. Never before was there a picnic held by the deaf of Peoria. After a nice shady place was secured the rest of the time, was spent in pleasant and enjoyable chat until noon. The ladies prepared the table, and when all was ready, both men and ladies bore a happy look. After dinner, the ladies then left the men to themselves and they went out to a farm, which was a considerable distance from the park, and they went berry pickings. By the time they returned their faces showed they were tired, as the trips made in both ways were pretty hilly, and because one of the ladies, who had to walk up and down the hill, got so tired, she fell down twice. And another younger lady succeeded in fishing herself out of a dry ditch which she fell in once. The third lady was able to stand the trip. Then after their return, the entire time was spent in arguing about different signs and some fun was added to this later. After supper, Messrs. Howard, and Lord and Miss Nebb, (the last named most especially) furnished the wit and humors.

Miss Nebb succeeded in bringing the whole crowd into a heart-breaking laugh. Tears would roll down the ladies' cheeks. Such a glorious time was not seen for many years.

When night fell in, the whizzing and gliding of the buzz of the pin wheel and the extremely funny capers of the nigger chasers, were seen and enjoyed.

At last the crowd returned to their homes. All reported a fine time but very tired. There had been expected a large turn out, but happenings came in their way. Those who attended the picnic were: Mr. C. R. Howard and wife, Mr. Wm. F. Belcke and wife, Misses Spencer and Nebb, Messrs. A. G. Belcke and James Lord.

Four unknown deaf boys from abroad were Peoria visitors on the Fourth, and Mr. James Lord looked for them, but they vanished quickly.

For many years the deaf people of this city had no place to hold Sunday services, and there was no one to preach to them until last April, a young hearing man, Mr. Harrie Cook, of Pittsburg, Pa., who was attending the Bradley Polytechnic Institute, took up the deaf and began to give them weekly Sunday services at the Bethany Church. Since that, the hearing people became more interested in the deaf, and up to date there are a good many people trying to learn the sign-language. Great credit is due Mr. Cook.

Mr. Harrie Cook, of Pittsburg, Pa., departed last week for Chicago, and later will go to his home for a summer's vacation. Mr. A. G. Belcke was appointed to conduct the Sunday services until Mr. Cook returns from his vacation.

Mr. Charles R. Howat and wife, nee Benton, who left the Illinois Institution in '64 and '69 respectively, and who formerly lived in Canton, Ill., but now in Peoria, are still alive and enjoying the best of health. Mr. Howat is employed at a beef packing-house, and his work gives entire satisfaction to his foreman.

Mr. Wm. F. Belcke and wife are the oldest deaf Peorians. They

are both in the best of health. Mr. Belcke is a printer by trade.

Miss Minnie Nebb, who attended the Illinois Institution several years ago, still makes Peoria her home. She resides with her father and mother, who are comfortably settled in their neat cottage. Miss Nebb takes care of her parents who are in feeble health. She is a very pleasant young lady, and has the honor of organizing the first picnic of the deaf of Peoria. As soon as she is able to leave her father and mother for a week or two, she will go out in the country to visit her relatives.

Mr. Charles W. Belcke, an '86 Illinois pupil, is at present working in Denver, Colorado, at a bicycle factory. The company for whom he works manufactures chainless wheels. Mr. Belcke's position is that of an engineer.

Mr. Jesse Loer finds that it is hard to get a position as a baker. He is an excellent baker and anyone needing a good baker, will do well to try him. He resides with his widowed mother in this city.

Mr. Howard Davidson, an ex-pupil of the Canada Institution, was working in Peoria for several weeks in May and June last. His home is in Canada, but he prefers to stay in the United States.

Mr. Edwards, of St. Louis, was a Peoria visitor for a few days last June. During his stay he searched for a job but couldn't get, one so he left for Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miner, formerly of Chicago, now reside in Peoria. Mr. Miner is a foreman in the wheel department in one of the bicycle factories here. All the hands under him are hearing people but that suits him as he is able to understand them, teach them and make them do their duty.

Mrs. Miner, wife of Edward Miner, was a Chicago visitor for a couple of weeks last month and the earlier part of this month. She returned to her home last week. She attended the Michigan Institution.

Mr. James Lord finds it very difficult to find a steady position nowadays, but, however, accepts odd jobs at iron shops. He was an engineer at one of the bicycle factories, but was thrown out of work on account of the new law which was passed two years ago, barring anybody to become an engineer without having the Stationary Engineers' License. Mr. Lord did not try to get the license.

GALLAUDET HOME.

Mrs. Edward Buffane, of Toronto, Canada, and Miss Adeline Salisbury, of New York City, were among the callers here recently.

Mr. Van Velsor was in Poughkeepsie for a whole day a short time ago. He went with a friend to the Hudson River State Hospital for the Insane, but they saw none of the crazy deaf mutes of whom there are a few.

On a recent evening the inmates gathered together in the spacious reading room of the Annex building, where they indulged in social intercourse until it was time to retire. They were shown some pictures which represented the blowing up of the battleship Maine, and how it was caused. Candy was distributed among them.

Miss Elizabeth Chamberlain accompanied her father to Germany, on the 14th of May. They are enjoying a nice visit in the noted old city of Dresden, where Elizabeth was born.

Mrs. C. M. Nelson was a visitor at the home Wednesday, the 15th ult. She remained till the next afternoon, having had a delightful sojourn.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bettles favored us with a call two days after their marriage was solemnized. They took away a little wooden pitcher, which Mr. Sprague made. Mr. Bettles was educated at Fannwood, but his bride is an oral school graduate.

Mrs. Edward H. Parker of the Ladies' Committee of the Home, wheeled here from the Falls on a lovely early summer day. She is conversant with the single-handed alphabet.

Friday evening, June 15th, Matron Davis invited Miss Fischel to take a drive with her to the village. Upon their return Lizzie said that

she had seen the stars and stripes floating from several of the stores. We presume the display was to commemorate the battle of Bunker Hill, which was fought between the Colonists and Britishers more than a century ago. It was a hard struggle and much blood flowed on both sides, but the Revolutionary patriots were determined to win the victory and came off triumphant.

Mr. Hugh W. Miner, of Hartsdale, N. Y., a suburb of Yonkers, spent a day and night here lately. He obtained an education at the school for deaf-mutes at Hartford, Conn., and is a farmer by occupation and unmarried.

The money which was raised at the lawn party amounted to about a hundred dollars; not a very big sum, but better than nothing.

Miss Rosa A. C. Matthew, of Poughkeepsie, called here a month ago.

Mr. Isaac B. Gardner arrived home Saturday, the 18th, from Little Rock, Ark. He has severed his connection with the Institution for Deaf-Mutes there, because of the distance and drain on his pocket-book for traveling expenses. We understand that Mr. Gardner expects to fill the vacancy which was caused by the recent death of Prof. William Barlow Hill. The Fannwood correspondent may have something to say about it later.

Miss Ida Greff, of New York; Misses Lulu and Mary Gray, of Wappinger's Falls, were conducted through the buildings recently.

Mr. Henry S. Lewis preached in the chapel Sunday morning, the 19th ult., but his stay was short on account of limited time.

Thursday evening, the 23d of last month, Rev. Dr. Gallaudet came here from New York on the steamer Mary Powell. He remained with us until Sunday, when he went to Poughkeepsie, where he was the guest of Mrs. Nelson and family, then he proceeded to Hartford, Conn.

At the early service on Sunday, June 26th, Dr. Gallaudet's text was St. Luke 15:10. Mr. Isaac B. Gardner acted as lay-reader.

Miss Elizabeth Ryer, an aged graduate of the New York Institution, will probably be admitted to the Home some time this year.

Some of the smaller articles which were left over from the sale of the recent lawn party, were presented to the women after it was over. Mrs. Graham got a horse-shoe trimmed with a pretty ribbon.

Blind Richard Clinton's brother, John, has enlisted in the United States Army to fight against Spain. John is not afraid of Spanish bullets or machetes.

One morning a bird flew into the writer's room through an open window, and concealed itself under her bureau. It was a baby wren pining for its mother. The poor little thing received kind care.

After supper, Thursday, the 30th, Mrs. E. H. Parker, Miss Elizabeth Nelson, Mrs. Davis, Grandma Roberts and Mrs. Graham, took a walk to the cemetery on the Home grounds, where six of our silent number are at rest.

Miss Mary Leary and her cousin, Mr. William Van Wagner, enjoyed a spin on their wheels here from Poughkeepsie, on the afternoon of the 3d inst. Miss Leary is a semimute and very charming.

The Fourth of July passed quietly at the Home. Old Glory was flung to the breeze and some of us wore the Union colors. In the cool of the evening we seated ourselves on the front piazza, to witness the display of fireworks which had been provided through the kindness of a friend.

Matron Davis started for New York City last Thursday, to make a visit of a few days. Mrs. Josephine Bigelow was in charge of the house while she was away.

Mr. Joseph Kistler, the deaf-mute who is employed in an over-all factory at Wappinger's Falls, secured the place which Mrs. Amanda Schoonmaker Thorn vacated several months ago to enter into a new sphere of life.

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Discipline is the crucible of responsibility.

In forgiving a fault, we may inspire a virtue.

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"He's true to God who's true to man;
Wherever wrong is done
To the humblest and the weakest,
'Neath the all-beholding sun,
'That wrong is also done to us,
And they are slaves most base,
Whose love of right is for themselves,
And not for all the race."

On the property owned by St. Ann's Church for Deaf-Mutes, at 148th Street, between Amsterdam Avenue and the Boulevard, four or five workmen have been digging the foundation of a building which we presume is intended for the new church for deaf-mutes exclusively. They have been at work about three weeks. At present the masons are putting up the walls, and have got as high as what will probably be the basement windows, which are now in place.

No formal announcement has been made by either Rev. Dr. Gallaudet or Rev. Dr. Krans, so that nothing is positively known by the deaf other than what can be seen as they pass by. An uptown paper, however, announces that the building is to be completed by November 1st.

We consider it very unwise, if not discourteous, that the deaf are kept in ignorance of the prospects and plans relating to new the church. To ignore the deaf in these affairs, is to place a premium upon apathy and disinterestedness in matters relating to their church. The education of the deaf during recent years has been carried to a high standard of attainment, and the average deaf-mute of to-day ranks as high in intelligence and culture as the few shining lights at the top did a quarter of a century ago. They are entitled to consideration, and deserve the courtesy of information, if not consultation, in plans and projects that concern them. It is rather humiliating, therefore, that they should be obliged to get scraps of information from "outsiders," when they should really be "insiders" possessed of all inside information. There are many of the deaf who desire most sincerely to be active workers, and it engenders a spirit of discouragement, not to say resentment, that they are constantly pushed to the rear. This is one instance wherein Milton's sublime saying does not apply, and where the deaf can not realize that "they also serve who only stand and wait."

The supposed deaf-mute boy who created such a wave of sympathy in Chicago, turns out, as we anticipated, to be an impostor. The associated press has spread the pathetic story he told broadcast throughout the country, and the millions of readers who perused it have formed a wrong opinion of the deaf in consequence. The harm done can never wholly be undone. "A lie travels round the world while the truth is pulling on his boots." This is one of many examples whereby the deaf are discredited and depreciated.

THE Proceedings of the Fifth National Convention of the Deaf, held at Drexel Institute, June 23d to 26th, 1896, has just been printed. It makes an octavo volume of fifty-four pages, and contains a list of officers, members, etc., besides the Constitution and By-Laws of the association.

A copy is to be sent each member. Additional copies will be furnished if fifteen cents is sent to the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Rev. James H. Cloud, 1841 Madison Street, St. Louis, Mo.

ITEMIZER.

Abbreviated News Concerning Deaf-Mutes.

The idea is to gather into this column items that relate to deaf-mutes personally or to institutions for the benefit of deaf-mutes. We hope our friends and readers will keep us supplied with items for this column. Mark items to be sent: *The Itemizer*.

Miss M. Louise Pugh, of Rochester, has returned home a week ago last Wednesday, after spending a week in the city as a guest of her friend, Miss Minnie E. Olin.

Mrs. G. Hicks, of Westbury, L. I. is at present stopping with her folks in New York. On Monday she went to Rockaway Beach. Her husband met her there, having come from Westbury on his wheel. Mr. D. Willets, of Roslyn, accompanied him.

The century run on September 11th, seems to have taken the fancy of the deaf. Already fourteen entries have been received. Mr. Fogarty, of Flushing, L. I., will fall in line at South Jamaica, and Mr. G. Hicks and D. Willets at Freeport.

Miss Minnie E. Olin left last Wednesday, 13th, for Bath Beach, L. I., to spend three weeks with her cousin there. She will return home on the 8th of August, as she expects her old classmate, Miss Ethel Pollard of Cincinnati, O., here two days later to spend a month with her.

Mr. W. J. Clayton, formerly of New York, is still on a farm near Harveysburg, Ohio. He takes the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL and has been much interested in reading it for over three years. He is an active and successful farmer. He expects to be in New York next fall, on a visit.

Miss Siewers Angier, of Durham, N. C., who spent the past year in the High Class at Kendall Green, Washington, D. C., is spending two delightful weeks with Ernest Bingham and his wife, at their home at Bingham School, near Melrose, N. C. Mr. Bingham is still at his post of book-keeper at the school.

Messrs. Donovan and Donnelly, of Brooklyn, and Fogarty, of Flushing, on their wheels, paid Mr. and Mrs. Buttery, of Locust Grove, L. I., a visit last Sunday. Mr. Gilbert Hicks, of Westbury, accompanied them from that place. Mr. Buttery is in the milk business, having a herd of high grade cattle, and is doing well.

A conference of Church Workers among the Deaf will be held at Trinity House, Columbus, Ohio, on July 27th and 28th. Among the topics for discussion are the following: "The Most Effective Form of Organization for Diocesan Work." "A Church Paper for the Deaf." "The Manner of Reading the Services and Lessons." "The Greater Utilization of Lay-Readers." A reception will be given the delegates by the members of All Saints Deaf-Mute Mission, Columbus.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF.

The Proceedings of the Fifth Convention of the National Association of the Deaf have been printed and mailed to members whose address is in the possession of the undersigned.

Extra copies may be obtained at the cost price of fifteen cents each. Parties desiring any should order at once.

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SERVICES FOR DEAF-MUTES.

JULY 24—SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, 3 P. M.

St. Matthew's Church, West 84th Street, near Central Park, New York City.

St. Mark's Church, Adelphi Street, Brooklyn.

Gallaudet Home for Deaf-Mutes, 11 A. M., and 3 P. M.

Fighting Bob Evans.

"Fighting Bob" Evans is something of a disciplinarian, as the following incident shows:

Once at the Mediterranean Station he was temporarily in command of his ship when French gendarmes brought about a number of American bluejackets who who deserted. It was the custom on such occasions for each blue-jacket, as soon as he was released on the deck of the vessel, to turn and hammer the countenance of the gendarme until he was pulled away. This sort of thing had a tendency to make the gendarmes afraid to bring in the deserters, and Evans determined to stop it. In the presence of the gendarmes and their captives he announced his decision. The first blue-jacket was released, and promptly knocked his gendarme flat. Evans picked up the gendarme's sword and struck down the sailor. Exactly the same performance was gone through with as each of the next six bluejackets were unshackled. The eighth permitted his gendarme to go in peace. The seven men who had been cut down all escaped with their lives. Evans said they owed their preservation to a merciful Lord, who turned the edge of the French policeman's tin sword. The seven injured men were invited to make charges against Evans, but they said they didn't want to. As they themselves put it:

"They guessed they had run up against something they didn't know anything about."

PHILADELPHIA.

The Excursion to Atlantic City

AN ENJOYABLE SUCCESS

News of the Week.

From our Philadelphia Correspondent.

The excursion of the Clerc Literary Association to Atlantic City on Thursday, July 14th, proved to be a very pleasant outing for the members and others who chose to accompany them. It was not a big affair to be sure, but none the less enjoyable for that. It should be said to the credit of the Association that it was a very orderly excursion, so much so that it would have been safe for the most timid person to attend it.

As usual, the attendance fell below the hundred mark, but this does not mean that the event failed financially. A fair profit is expected, which is usually the case with our excursions, which are conducted on a small scale and with little risk.

Leaving Philadelphia at 7 A. M., our destination was reached at about 9 o'clock. Genial Mr. Robert E. Underwood was there to welcome us, he having preceded us to the shore several days before, and all were glad to see him again. Our party then went straight for the Boardwalk and up to the two famous piers which poke their noses far out into the ocean. One of the piers is new, brand new, and a beauty, too. Here is the usual stopping place of the silent excursionists, and it is said to be the best surf bathing place at Atlantic City. Be that as it may, it is certainly a very attractive place.

J. Whildin Moore's (formerly Kipple and McCann's) bathing establishment was the rendezvous of our party. It is located close to the old pier. While waiting for the bathing hour, a number of us, at the suggestion of Mr. Underwood, called at the Hotel Dewey, where we were to take dinner previous arrangement. Mr. Underwood holds an interest in this hotel and he naturally took pride in showing it to his friends. We found it admirably situated. It is on South Carolina Avenue, near the beach only a few minutes from our chosen bathing place and near by midway between the two big piers. The hotel itself, with its Colonial front, and clean, white coat of paint, had an inviting appearance. The interior was even more inviting. There was an air of newness throughout the place. It is tastefully furnished throughout with a view to the health, comfort and convenience of its patrons.

Mr. A. B. Dennis, the manager, courteously received his silent guests, giving them the freedom of the place, and made their brief stay very pleasant. To him great credit is due for the excellent dinner he was able to furnish for the nominal sum of fifty cents a head. We could not have expected more of him, and we cheerfully give him the praise due him and add our thanks. Mr. Underwood was also most solicitous for his friends, and assisted Manager Dennis as much as possible and to him we also feel grateful.

The day happened to be an ideal one, and therefore a large number of our party indulged in bathing—others went yatching, or sight-seeing along the boardwalk and a good time was generally had by all. Messrs. Stevens, Reider, and a few others, whose names we did not obtain, had their kodaks along and took a number of snap-shots during the day.

At 6 P. M., the homeward trip began, arriving at about 8 P. M.

After dinner at the Dewey, our party took positions on the upper and lower porches, and were photographed by a local photographer. A proof has been seen and is said to be very good. The picture will cost 45 cents a piece, of which 15 cents will revert to the Association.

Miss Mary E. Taylor, of West Chester, and her guest, Mrs. L. Harrison, came up to attend the excursion and seemed to enjoy it as much as anybody.

Messrs. Mayer, McCarthy and Robertson had an "excursion" by themselves coming on their wheels. They left Philadelphia, at 5 A. M., and arrived at Atlantic City at noon. For the homeward trip they joined the larger excursion.

Clarence R. Anderson, of Pittsburgh, who is visiting here, was one of the happy excursionists.

Sunday, 24th, the Deaf-Mutes' Mutual Club gives its 5th annual excursion to Cape May, on the palace steamer Republic.

The deaf of Reading, and vicinity will picnic at Wildwood, on the Gravity Road, on Saturday, 23d.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Underwood have taken up a temporary residence in Atlantic City, at the Hotel Dewey. Their Philadelphia home has been given up, though they expect to return some day.

Mr. F. C. Smielau is taking a

taste of farm life in Chester Co., this state.

Mr. B. R. Allabough arrived in Philadelphia last Friday.

Rev. J. M. Koehler expects to be in Columbus, O., next week.

There are no meetings of the Clerc Literary Association during summer months, but the rooms remain open as usual for the convenience of the members.

Special Policeman Ritchie, of the Eighth district, prides himself upon his acute detective instinct, and so when an anonymous letter reached the station a few days ago, giving vague information of a speakeasy, he started out confidently to locate the place. The writer hinted that the illicit refreshment shop was a hundred miles from Franklin and Spring Garden Street. Ritchie actually put in a good day's work upon the case, but he could find nothing suspicious about any of the houses in that locality. That made him mad, and as the anonymous letters continued to come in, he determined to locate that speakeasy if it took him all summer. Lieutenant Fulmer, too, began to take an interest in the case, and one day recently he started out with Ritchie, under the impression that two heads are better than one. They wandered all about the neighborhood for an hour or more and wound up at Franklin and Green Streets. A little church stands there, and in passing it Ritchie cast a casual glance at the name upon its wall. He immediately made a remark that seemed quite out of keeping with the scene. "Where are you taking me?" asked the Lieutenant. "Well, ain't you 'next' yet?" retorted Ritchie, disgustedly. The Lieutenant was quite in the dark as to his meaning. "Then your big and flourishing speakeasy?" said Ritchie, pointing to the church. The Lieutenant read the little sign-board near the church which bore the name of P. E. Church—"For the Deaf."—*Phila. Record, July 16, '96.*

July 18, '98.

J. S. R.

TRENTON NEWS AND NOTES.

Its been high on to two months now, since I last sent the JOURNAL any news. It's because news is scarce up here in these parts. It's so hot now that it makes my linen lose its lustre and my "stand-up" is getting limp. The JOURNAL keeps on coming, so I will try to give some news in return, as people are not getting something for nothing these days.

Our wheelmen don't venture far from home these sultry days, but take short trips, occasionally to some nearby pleasure resort. On July 2d, the writer invited them, a few, four in number, to spend Sunday at his home in Rosemont, N. J., which they accepted. On July 2d, "Frank Purell and Bill Salter" started for Lambertville at 6 o'clock, thus eluding the scorching rays of "Old Sol." The writer, (the self-styled Captain of the Club) could not get off in the morning, so he started for home at 1:30 P. M., not caring a snap for the hot, terribly hot weather. He arrived at Lambertville at 2:15, wet as a drowned rat, where he met the others—Purell, Pidecock, Salter and Hunt. After a short rest Smith again struck out for his home, six miles from Lambertville, arriving there at 4:30. On July 3d, the rest came from Lambertville, and took dinner with the writer, they doing justice to the ample dinner served by Smith's parents. They had an enjoyable time, and expressed themselves as well pleased with their visit.

"G. S. P." seems to think that the "Liberty" bicycle is the "best" to be had. Let him think so, people differ in their opinions.

The New Jersey State Association's convention came to a fizzle just as we had expected. In my opinion, as well as that of others, we think, we know, that if it had been held at Trenton, instead of Asbury Park, it would have been a success, a big success, too. But it's past now, and if another convention is held, 16 to 1 it will be held at Trenton.

Isaac Bowker, our old stand-by, has steady work in a lamp-globe factory, where he is employed as a ground-layer.

Frank Purell is still in his old place, in the Trenton Iron Co.'s Works.

Frank Nutt is working steady at his trade, that of a cigar-box maker.

Harry Smith served his time as a printer in this city with Cresce & Roberts, his apprenticeship being served on July 2d. Business is poor during the summer, at the place, but he was retained by his employers and is assured a steady job, which speaks well for him.

It is a well-known fact that some of our boys, when they leave school, were the printers have an attack of the "big head," and make a failure when they get a position in some office outside of the one where they learn their trade. An example of this recently came under my notice—the boy doing his work by hand not using his head in setting-type from manuscript copy. The proof was something horrible to behold—it taking the writer two hours to correct it.

Our esteemed friend, David Simmons, of Rahway, N. J., spent Saturday and Sunday of last week with Harry Smith. "Dave" is a favorite among the boys here, and it gives them pleasure when he comes down to see them. He is working in a printing office at his home. He is thinking of becoming a student in the National Deaf-Mute College, at Washington, D. C.

Frank Nutt went on an excursion to Washington Park, Phila., last Sunday, and reports having a fine time.

Francis Purell attended an outing last Saturday. He had his fortune told by the queen by a gipsy

tribe, which is causing intense uneasiness, owing to part which warns him to be extremely cautious as some fearful accident will happen to him.

During the vacation months the deaf residents, of Trenton (men) make the institution a Sunday afternoon resort. Many pleasant hours are spent in discussing war topics, etc.

The new hospital at the New Jersey School is rapidly nearing completion, and presents a very attractive appearance.

Hamilton Avenue, on which the school is situated, is being paved with asphalt, and will without doubt be a favorite haunt for cyclists.

H. SMITH.

WASHINGTON.

SECTION XVI. OF THE N. E. A.

(Specially Reported for the JOURNAL.)

For the second time, the education of the deaf formed a side issue to the meeting of the National Educational Association, and in some respects the meeting was entirely successful, though viewed from another side this cannot be safely said. In the first place, the mere fact that the two greatest champions of the two great methods of educating the deaf, Dr. Edward M. Gallaudet and Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, were both active workers in the Department XVI, and that fact alone would seem to establish the success of the Department; but in the estimation of a great many present, deaf and teachers of the deaf, representing all creeds, it was the sentiment that it is a sad mistake to lump us with the blind and feeble-minded, as it lowers the profession in the minds of the public, and certainly injures the deaf as a class, to be labelled with the blind and idiot class, and to be exhibited on the same platform with degenerates. It is not too late to protest at this injustice, and it is to be hoped that a protest will be made, and if in future the dignity of the profession cannot be maintained by keeping the the class separate, then the section should be abolished.

It is not the intent of this article to deal with the sessions of Department XVI, which began on Thursday, July 7th, and continued to the 12th, during which papers were read by educators of the deaf, the blind and the weak minded, alternately, for it was not possible for the deaf man to get any idea of what the papers consisted of, though there were a number of prominent deaf people and college alumni present, among whom I noticed, Mr. T. E. Fox, N. Y.; Mr. Chapin, W. Va.; Mr. Davidson, Penn., (who read a paper at the closing session) Mr. McIlvaine, Pa.; Mrs. Weston Jenkins, N. J.; Miss Price, Washington; Miss Shankweiler, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Sanders, Washington; Professors Ballard and Hotchkiss, of the college, Mr. Le Fevre, of the Treasury Dept. Miss Lowery, Ohio; Misses Solisberg, and Friedman, of Ill.

A great many of the delegates were quarters at the hotel "YI," just across the street from the Franklin building, where the sessions were held. An epidemic of sickness struck the Section XVI, camp, and among those who were on the hospital list for a greater or shorter time were Principals Currier, Gordon, Nelson, and Greene, Dr. Bell, Prof. Fox and others. Messrs. Currier and Nelson cut their stay short on this account.

The reception at Kendall Green, at which President and Mrs. Gallaudet received, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Fowler and others from among the faculty was a delightful interspersed, and though the college looks gloomy indeed without its student body, yet all were delighted with the President's hospitality.

Mrs. Hubbard tendered the Department a reception at her suburban home at "Twin Oaks," though the death of Mr. and Mrs. Pollok, very dear friends of hers, through the sinking of La Bourgogne, led her to have her daughters, Mrs. A. Graham Bell, and Mrs. C. J. Bell, receive her guests in her stead. They began arriving about 5 P. M., Saturday, large stages coaches' being used to convey the guests from the city, and at six o'clock the colation was served. It was a delightfully informal affair all through, and with President Gallaudet's reception, made the social side of the convent on a huge success.

A considerable number of the teachers in attendance did not attend a third of the meetings, and when one takes into consideration the countless attractions of Washington, the public buildings and sights of the Capitol City, the trips to Mt. Vernon, Arlington, and even to distant points like Old Point Comforts, which the teachers from the West find irresistible attractions, their lack of interest is accounted for.

Sunday afternoon the Volta Bureau was thrown open to the delegates who made the trip to the Georgetown section, and felt amply repaid. Dr. Bell was present and conducted visitors through, explaining something here and there,

frequently narrating odd incidents in connection with books, papers, etc., on file. Statistics of all the deaf of this country from the time the Hartford School was opened, down to 1890, are in such compact shape that the "skeleton" history of any deaf man or woman can be found in less than a minute from the time the request is made. All the papers for the deaf are kept in the fireproof chambers; bound volumes of the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL and most all the other papers can be found running back to the first issue.

Valuable genealogical charts, tracing the ancestry of many of the families that have had numerous deaf-mute members, may also be found here, and an inspection of them proves very conclusively that the marriage prohibition under certain circumstances was a wise and beneficent measure.

The meeting closed on Tuesday afternoon. Dr. Gordon, although anything but a well man, presided to the last, and Dr. Bell, also at a considerable risk, remained to the very last.

The "living exhibits" were interesting, particularly that from the Ohio School. Miss Lowery and Mrs. Mansur demonstrated that in its methods the Ohio School is in the front rank. Mr. Jones, the Superintendent, who, at the Philadelphia convention two years ago was barely able to use the Manual Alphabet, having just been appointed, is now so thorough in the use of the sign language that he made it interesting for several of us who were deaf, by interpreting the remarks of the speakers. In this respect Mr. Jones stood alone. But if Mr. Jones has made progress, his little twelve year old daughter, who was one of the Ohio delegation, can go him several better. Though she has passed but a little more than three years in a school for the deaf, she is one of the most accomplished sign "linguists" I have ever come across in one of her years.

It would have been "just a real nice convention," if—well, no use talking, mixing us up with the Blind and Feeble-minded doesn't seem the right thing, now does it? ALEX. L. PACH.

BOSTON.

UNION PICNIC—AN INTERESTING SERMON—LOCAL AND SUBURBAN NOTES.

In response to the invitation of the Salem Deaf-Mute Society, about fifty from Lowell, Lynn, Boston and other places, joined in a picnic at Lake Quannapowitt, Wakefield, on Saturday, July 16th; all coming by either electric cars or bicycles. The long ride seemed to be the most enjoyed of all, for the day was fine and the route of the suburban cars is so beautiful in scenery.

On our arrival at the end of the route we found ourselves in a Park, which almost surrounds the beautiful lake, and under the shade of the trees the picnicers went to enjoy the cool breeze and to sit and watch the electric cars as they passed with their load of newcomers.

The first party to arrive was a few from Everett and Salem, and as the afternoon approached the number under the spreading branches was estimated at between fifty and sixty persons.

The picnicers were photographed by Mrs. E. H. French, and later when Mr. French arrived he took photographs of groups as they sat enjoying their luncheon or on their bicycles. Mr. and Mrs. Lang were photographed on their tandem, as they were starting on the homeward run.

As the clock hands on the neighboring church pointed to six, the party was preparing to leave, in groups, over the same routes as they came.

The Boston people were delayed until almost dark, and their cars were so crowded that they were glad to even find a seat with the smokers.

It was a sunburnt, tired, but happy party that left Lake Quannapowitt, and one and all agreed that the picnic had been a very pleasant affair.

At St. Andrew's Church this afternoon Rev. Mr. Searing spoke on "Righteousness," and drew some references from the victories of our Army and Navy as an illustration. He believes our victories over Spain are due to our Christian and humane works among the suffering.

The sermon was very interesting. He announced that the Conference of Christian Workers will be held in Columbus, Ohio, July 27th. He also said that he received a pleasant letter from Rev. Dr. Gallaudet concerning himself and deaf-mutes of New York and New Jersey.

Rev. Mr. Searing's sermon was interesting from beginning to the finish, and held the close attention of the congregation, especially when he spoke of the true meaning of a Christian life. None of us hope to be perfect as God, but we can try to be as near as possible. It is not all for us to go to church and drop a nickel in the contribution box, and go away thinking we are

Christians, we must do something to uplift the fallen, help the poor and the sick.

Creamer & Wing, laundrymen, held a grand flag-raising last Monday, to which seven hundred invitations had been issued. The senior member of the firm being the brother of Mr. Pelham Creamer, so he took the liberty to invite three of his deaf-mute friends, Mr. Lynde and Mr. and Mrs. Abrams. The unfurling and speech making over, the united party betook themselves to the spacious laundry rooms, which had been cleared of machinery, etc., and music and dancing was kept up until a late hour. Plenty of ice cream and cake was served, and a general good time was had.

Mrs. Ovid Fecteau and children, of Plaisted, N. H., came on to attend the Union picnic. From there they went to the home of her mother in Somerville, where she will spend a few days.

E. H. French, of Nashua, had his bicycle out of repair, and had to take the electric cars to the picnic, arriving late in the day. He brought with him the photographs of the Lawn party held at South Weymouth, July 4th. They are very good.

Rev. Thomas Gallaudet announces the engagement of his youngest daughter, Miss Edith, to Rev. H. Stanley Smith. They will be married some time in November.

Mrs. George A. Holmes and Miss Lottie Holmes have gone to spend a few weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Hattie Wheeler goes to Connecticut next week, to spend the remainder of the summer with her relatives.

A week ago last Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Lang, of Lynn, gave a party in honor of Mr. Valles, of New York, who had been visiting them. Mr. Valles has returned to his home, where he is soon to be married.

Mr. Harry Jordan, who had been dangerously ill, has so far recovered as to be able to attend the picnic.

Mrs. Wilbur Pattee will go to Norwich, Conn., to pass the rest of the summer with her sister. Recently she has been visiting her relatives in Malden, and Lynn, and she seems very much improved in health.

Patrick Mullen, of Brighton, went to Chicopee to spend the Fourth, and staid a few days.

Mrs. F. W. Bigelow and the twins leave next Thursday for Gardiner, to spend two or three weeks with her old friend, Mrs. Randall Douglas.

Albert Nolen, the deaf, dumb and blind man, was at the picnic. The writer had the pleasure of an introduction and a conversation by finger spelling. He is indeed a wonder, for he understands so much and takes interest in almost any thing that is said to him. He must have a good memory, for he recognized me later in the day by simply feeling of the rings on my finger.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Mack, of Lynn, had another boy added to their family of boys about two weeks ago.

Mr. W. H. Goldsmith is confined to his bed with pleurisy and rheumatism of the heart.

Services at St. Andrew's Church are held in the afternoon at three o'clock, instead of in the morning, until further notice.

Miss Myra Holden, of Somerville, fell from a hammock, and injured her spine so much that she was unable to walk for a few days.

A. W. Orcutt and Frank Bowers wheeled to Maynard, a distance of twenty-eight miles, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Tripp, two Sundays ago. Mr. Orcutt, who is a beginner, was about dead, and it took a good while for him to cool down and feel rested.

Rev. Mr. Searing and family go to Saratoga, to stay until September.

The lawn party, which he was to give in honor of his sister's wedding anniversary has been postponed till September.

July 17, '98. PRY.

Rev. Mr. Dantzer's Appointments.

JULY.
22—8 P. M., Elmira.
24—10:30 A. M., Christ's Church, Binghamton. Holy Communion.
24—3 P. M., Christ's Church, Binghamton.
31—7:30 P. M., St. Luke's, Rochester.

AUGUST.
7—4 P. M., St. Paul's, Buffalo.
Address: Rev. C. O. DANTZER,
17 Glenwood Ave.,
Rochester, N. Y.

Rev. Mr. Mann's Appointments.

JULY.
26—7:45 P. M., Columbus. Service, Trinity Chapel.
27—9:30 A. M., Columbus. Opening of the Ninth Conference of Church Workers Among the Deaf, at Trinity Chapel. Holy Communion.
27—1:30 A. M., Columbus. Organization of the Conference at Trinity House, Broad Street.
27—3 P. M., Columbus. Reception at Trinity House.
28—9 A. M., 12:1 P. M., Columbus. Attending the Conference.
28—3 P. M., Columbus. At the Opening of the Teachers' Convention.
29—Evening, Columbus. Reception.
31—11 A. M., Columbus. Holy Communion, Trinity Chapel.
31—3 P. M., Columbus. Service, Trinity Chapel.
31—8 P. M., Columbus. Special Service, place to be announced later.

CHICAGO.

McRae, a Cheap Swindler and Impostor.

HAPPENINGS IN TOWN.

The Athletic Program of the Pas-a-Pas Picnic.

[News items for this column may be sent to James Irwin Sansom, Money Order Division, Chicago Post Office.]

The finis in the career of James McRae has been written, and he turns out to be a cheap swindler and impostor. His sympathetic tale, given in full before, so excited the charities of a grocer named Gillespie, at the corner of Twenty-second Street and Indiana Avenue, that he gave the lad employment in his store, and ruses it, as he left suddenly, taking one hundred dollars worth of jewelry. So the police are on a hunt for him. Evidently the lad possessed enough cheek and nerve to run a brass foundry, for all attempts to detect if he was deaf such as making sudden noises behind his back, proven fruitless. He now turns out to be able to hear and speak as well as any one. It won't do well to play the deaf and dumb dodge in Chicago now. Exit James McRae, with his harmonica.

As an instance of what concerted action on part of mutes can do, as suggested by comments on failure of the deaf-mutes of New Jersey to attend a convention, I will state what came under my observation here in Chicago. Several years ago, when the Bogardus bill came up for discussion in the State Legislature, there was called a mass meeting of mutes to protest against its passage. The consensus of minds here, familiar with all methods of instructing the deaf, was that the measure was a Trojan wooden horse in disguise and must not be brought into camp. Doubtless the mass meeting had its effect, and the bill failed of passage. It is estimated to have saved the State \$100,000 for useless experimenting. As to the charge that the mutes here were instigated by the Institution authorities, this is not the true. The average mute here is a reader of the newspapers. His quick eye detected the attempt of the orators, and it spread like the prairie fire (to use an expression of T. Brown, of Hickman, N. H.), among his fellow-men. Conventions of the deaf, whether considered from a social or business point of view, cannot fail to produce some good. Individually considered, with a well-educated mind, a fool-hander, and a voter, every mute is of some consequence and value. Gather sixty such into a regular organization, his value becomes enhanced. He influences and moulds public opinion in regard to public measures affecting his welfare.

Mrs. Hasenstab failed to return with the excursionists, July 4th, as it was her desire to make a tour of the deaf families living in Indiana. Thus far she has been with the Nordykes, Crosses and Whitmores. The northern part of Indiana, with its numerous lakes is a beautiful country, and is not so generally known as it ought to be.

It is said that Profs. Woods and Kennedy have severed connection with the State Institution at Jacksonville, and that Mr. Cleary, formerly discharged, has been reinstated. Supt. Gordon's axe is not getting rusty by any means.

The father of Guy Raser is keeping an eating house near the Omaha Exposition. He kept one near the World's Fair here, and I can testify that his cuisine is most excellent. Moses Chagnon, formerly a New York boy, has been working in a bicycle factory, but has left and gone to his home in Kankakee, Ill. He thinks of going back to New York City, as he finds Chicago "too slow" for him. We always thought the only excuse a man had for being one of leisure was that of means also. Of the latter we are not sure. Moses had a fine wheel, but he sold it for a mere song, got a new suit of clothes and set up the "pop" for the boys. Might be better for him to join a club, as the members, collectively, have a good deal of "horse sense" that is distributed gratuitously.

Rev. Mr. Hasenstab finds his time taken up with preaching to hearing congregations. Sunday evening he will have preached to a West side audience, with a sprinkling of deaf-mutes in it.

The following proved themselves the Rough Riders of the club, in riding over the rocky roads to Pullman, where "an attack on the keg" consisted the main feature. Messrs. Codman, Brimble, Schuller, Kauffman, Sansom, Jacoby, Olson, Schneider, Carroll and Leibenstein.

The athletic program of the Pas-a-Pas Club is appended herewith:

1. Married Women's Race—100

engraved cards and plate, donated by Regensburg & Seebach, Art Printers, 261 Dearborn Street.

2. Young Ladies' Race—Half dozen photos, donated by Ben Frank, 33d and Cottage Grove Avenue.

3. 100 Yards Dash for Men—Two tickets to Milwaukee, "Virginia," donated by Goodrich Line Co.

4. Potato Race, open to all—A '98 Gordon saddle, donated by W. Anderson, manufacturer of high grade wheels, Ashland Avenue.

5. Children's Race (under 8)—Three-pound box of candy, donated by Berry's confectionery.

6. Re-lay Race, 1 mile, squads of four from North, South and West—A box of fine cigars, donated by Rudolf Seiffert, dealer in domestic and imported cigars, Randolph and La Salle Streets.

7. Three Legged Race—Two tickets to St. Joe and return, donated by Graham & Morton Trans. Co.

8. Tug-of-War—Between teams of the "Red and Blue," a box of cigars, donated by O. Thussell, 208 N. Trumbull Avenue.

9. "Last Couple Out" (Prize for lady and gent)—Two tickets to Milwaukee and return on the Whaleback.

THE RIDGEWOOD AFFAIR.

EDITOR OF THE DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL:—With many others from New York I attended the "picnic" of the New York Deaf-Mutes' Club at Ridgewood last Saturday, and was not a little surprised at its "editorial" in the "Souvenir Journal" distributed. I was surprised at two things. One, that a club of deaf-mutes should use their infirmity as a means of drawing cash to their coffers by a whining appeal that they need money for a club house and bewail their deafness and emphasize it as the street-seeker after alms bawls his mutilated limbs to touch the sympathies. But this is a minor matter.

The other paragraph was an attack, though a covert one of the League of Elect Surds, who are accused of lack of fraternal feeling because the Surds gave an excursion two days prior to the New Yorkers' picnic.

Now, long before the members of this organization left school, the middle of July was the time when the Manhattan Literary Association, Gallaudet Club, Union League and League of Elect Surds gave the New York deaf people an outing on the water, and there was no discourtesy to this club either in fact or intention. This childish and peevish editorial would be passed unnoticed if it were not made all the more ridiculous and pitiable when the following simple facts are known:

(a) Not a single member of the New York Club attended the Surds' excursion.

(b) The Surds showed their indifference by attending New Yorkers' picnic in greater number than they did their own.

The young men composing this club will realize that it is a sad mistake to try to build up their club by pulling down another, or in trying to do so.

And now a few words as to the "picnic" of last Saturday, which in the paper that puffs anything-for-the-sake-of-an-advertisement, we will doubtless read "was a great success," and all that sort of thing, were an honest report would read something like this:

"In the region of Brooklyn known as Ridgewood, surrounded by a few cemeteries, car houses and breweries, is located the Ridgewood Coliseum Park, which is by no means as imposing as its name. On Saturday last a crowd of nearly two hundred people were the guests of the Deaf-Mutes of Greater New York Club, and though there were no attractions besides a few children's games, entitled "sports," and it was impossible to get a mouthful of decent food either in the park or the immediate vicinity; the deaf people seemed to get some enjoyment out of the affair. When night fell the place was attacked by an army of mosquitoes, of such strength and persistency as the New Jersey variety never attained. With blistering blinking of the electric lights, the affair became indeed gloomy. There was neither music or dancing, and if it had not been for the excursion of the League of Elect Surds, which drew a great many out-of-towners to the affair, (having staid over to attend it,) the attendance would have been considerable less."

It is not probable that the League of Elect Surds will take any notice of the gratuitous insult offered them in the "Souvenir," for they are totally independent of the support of any other organization, thought they will not hesitate to patronize other affairs as their inclination suggests.

Yours truly,
F. ANWOOD.

STATE OF OHIO.

New School Building Illustrated and Described.

READY IN THE FALL OF 1899.

To Cost \$70,000.

[News items for this column may be sent to our Ohio News Bureau, care of Mr. A. B. Greener, 903 Franklin Ave., Columbus, O.]

Through the courtesy of the architects, Messrs. Richards & McCarty, we are enabled to give in the JOURNAL a cut of the prospective new school building. Also a more definite description than has hitherto been printed of it. The exterior design of the building as it appears is a beauty, and the architects deserve credit for the fine piece of work.

Work on the building will begin by September 18th, and it will be completed and ready for occupancy by the date of the opening of the school year of 1899. Herewith is presented a cut of the structure as it will appear when complete:



The proposed building will be located southwest of the present main building, on the grounds now owned by the Institution, within about twenty feet of the west line and about 100 feet of Town Street. It will be entirely detached from the old building, and will be devoted exclusively to the school department in all its branches.

It has been the desire of the board of trustees to make this structure a model of its kind, and equal, if not superior, to any school building of this character in the country. It is conceded by all who have examined the plans, that the arrangement is an ideal one for an institution of this character.

The building fronts the east upon what will now become a central court for the entire Institution. The main entrances are on the east through the two towers, and between these entrances is located a wide terrace, the floor of which is about three feet above the grade, and in the center of which is located a large fountain.

There are two smaller entrances; one each in the north and south ends of the building. Each of these entrances leads directly into a spacious hall which extends through from north to south in each story, and in which are located broad iron staircases extending from the basement to the third story.

In size the building will be about 105x240 feet, three stories high above the basement. The basement is finished throughout, and is as well lighted, heated and ventilated, as any other part of the building.

In the basement are four lavatories, the general toilet rooms for the entire building, the gymnasium, shower and plunge baths, and rooms for fans and heaters, bicycles, storage, etc. The gymnasium is so located that it is entered from the hallways from either the boys' or girls' departments, and extends the full height of the basement and first story, being located in a separate wing of the building from the school rooms. The room is roofed at the second story line, thus entirely separating it from the school department by heavy brick walls, avoiding all interference with other lines of work in its construction either by noise or vibration. The first and second stories are each 12 by 6 in the clear. The first story contains sixteen school rooms, in addition to a principal's room and supply room, and the second story contains seventeen school rooms, and two teachers' rooms. The school rooms vary in size from 22 by 24 to 22 by 26 feet, each room having its own separate wardrobe, entered from the corridor and the school room.

The third floor contains, in addition to four school rooms, the art studio, room for fancy sewing, art embroidery room, art exhibition

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The building is to be lighted with electricity and heated and ventilated by the blast system.

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Superintendent Jones with the pupils and most of the teachers who attended the National Education Convention, at Washington, D. C., to give an exhibition of school work, returned home Wednesday afternoon.

During their stay in Washington they were the guests of Gallaudet College and they have nothing but praise for the entertainment given. Of course all the interesting points in the city were visited, among them the Executive Mansion. President McKinley gave them a private reception, and took much interest in the children, coming as they do from his own State. One of his pleasing acts was the presentation to each of them of a fine bouquet of flowers.

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NEW YORK.

The Excursion and the Picnic.

BOTH GOOD TREATS.

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(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Theo. I. Lounsbury's address is 208 East 59th Street, New York City.

The Elect Surds' outing to Highland Beach, Thursday, the 14th, proved a very enjoyable time for all who participated. There was quite a crowd, the number being anywhere from two to three hundred.

The boat left the first dock, West 13th Street, promptly on time, but there were several who missed it, and at the Battery the boat left a few minutes ahead of time, and about fifty missed it, but as there was another boat bound for the same place an hour later, all reached the beach and thereby missed little of the day's pleasure.

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"Throwing ball at Butcher Weyer" was an amusing and nickle-raking affair—although it is as old as the hills, but those who won cigars swear they were good fivers. (No casualties reported so far.)

The N. Y. D. M. Club won the bowling contest, their only competitors being individuals from the New Jersey Deaf-Mute Society. They polled 270 points to their opponents' 257.

The picnic lasted till twelve o'clock, with the usual accompaniments of a few exciting times, for which the club cannot be blamed. The total attendance was probably two hundred.

The following is taken from the program of the club. Aside from saying that most of the young fellows disclaim responsibility for it and charge it to a single member, no further comment is necessary.

"This club has for its purpose the mutual improvement of its members, the moral and social betterment of the deaf-mute members. Good deeds and good intentions, in their realization create petty jealousies in the minds of the narrow-minded and base; because this club instead of selling its advertising privileges to anyone, gives its members a chance to show their own push and pluck and pick up some good business experience, and paying them a fair percentage on their collections for the club, is accused of having been organized for the purpose of putting money in the pockets of its members, such is not its purpose; its underlying purpose is to have a club house of its own, where the members can meet and have a sociable time. At the present time the deaf, on account of defect in their hearing (through no fault of their own, most of the members of this club having been born deaf or lost their hearing before the age of seven years) cannot talk to their neighbors as easily as the hearing people or to chance acquaintances. When they attempt to converse with the pad and pencil, chance as often to pick up some one of slow perception or intelligence, and often it happens that people who can converse well, even fluently with the ordinary methods of voice and hearing, are slow in understanding when written conversation is attempted; some others have forgotten their glasses at home, this excuse is frequently true, but sometimes glasses would not glint a gleam of understanding to them."

"It is with regrets that we notice one of the mute clubs of this city showing its utter disregard of courtesy due the other deaf-mute clubs and its seeming attempts to discredit and despoil their entertainments by getting up one almost at the same date. It has been an unwritten, but well understood rule, of one club not to get up any entertainment of a public character, on or near the date selected by another, and always regarded as sufficient for a club to have the right to date by advertising it in any of the numerous mute papers. The club disregarding this precedent of abstaining from infringement on the date of another ought to know better, because many officers of the school of which our members are graduates, belong to the unfriendly club and it is remembered to their discredit, that they wished their pupils (now our members) when graduating, success in their efforts in the wide world—talk is really cheap—acts tell better than words."

The mother of Miss Sarah Stein died early Saturday morning. She had been a paralytic for some time and the end was expected. The many friends of Miss Stein tender their sympathy.

Jacques Alexander goes off to the country this week, and will find plenty to do during his spare moments on Henry Schanck's farm in Freehold, N. J. He will also go to Asbury Park, making a full two weeks' vacation.

Messrs. LeClerc and Alexander called on Sol. Cornelius last week, out in Long Island. They found him quite low, and he announces himself with cheerfulness that he is about to leave this world and is prepared for the final call.

Mrs. Theo. I. Lounsbury and children went to Stamford, Conn., Tuesday, and will inhale country air for two or three weeks with the "old man's" folks.

Mrs. William Coombs will go to Albany for her summer's outing.

The little boy baby of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Bothner has been very sick the last few days, and at one time there seemed to be little hope, but at this writing the little one is resting quietly, and the prayers of their numerous friends will be for its ultimate recovery.

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Greensburg, Pa.

Anna Renker and Millie Leis, of Jeanette, are home for the vacation, having recently returned from school at Edgewood. Both are bright-looking girls and will return to school in the Fall.

The great glass works at Jeanette, in which Louis Hogenmiller is employed, have shut down for the summer months. Louis has gone to his home near Hunker, to which point he moved last April, having rented a farm containing forty-five acres of land. He will devote his time to farming until he returns to his old post at Jeanette.

Ye local has two cousins who are now en route to Manila, the capital of the Philippine Islands, to help the world-wide hero, Admiral Dewey. They enlisted in Company I, Tenth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

The mutes held a picnic north of Braddock, on the Fourth of July. An enjoyable time was had.

Miss Sarah Hurst, of Irwin, in company with several relatives, spent the Fourth at Oakford Park and enjoyed the scenery. Miss Hurst expects, if nothing serious hinders, to leave soon for Niles, O., where she will tarry among her friends for several weeks.

Mrs. M. C. Siegmant, of Nashville, Tenn., is for the present staying with friends on Arlington Heights, and appears to be enjoying country life.

Entertainment and Ball.

We beg to announce to our patrons and friends that the Second Grand Annual Entertainment and Ball of the New York Deaf-Mutes' Club will be held on Thanksgiving eve, November 23d, 1898, at Central Park Hall, Eighth Avenue, between 54th and 56th Streets. Particulars will appear in this paper later. Hoping it will be a grand success as in previous years. You are all cordially invited to attend.

THE COMMITTEE.

FANWOOD.

Description of Our Institution Greenhouses.

CONSERVATORY, CARNATION, AND ROSE HOUSES.

Odds and Ends.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Located on that part of the institution grounds, where formerly stood the barn and stable, are our beautiful green houses. These buildings are in themselves interesting to the casual visitor, as well as the most ardent lover of plants. Here under the care of experienced gardeners are raised many varieties of rare and costly plants. To one who is not familiar with the inside working of one of these establishments, a visit such as we had would form a large amount of instruction. There are five buildings in all. One is known as the work-shop. Here, such pupils as are assigned, are taught the names of plants, and shown how to perform the manual labor in their case, that goes to make practical gardeners of them. When the weather out of doors is pleasant, they are also taught how to care for the lawns and shrubbery.

The first house we inspected, was the conservatory or largest house. This house is kept filled with a miscellaneous collection of plants, according to the season of the year. The house is heated by hot water, by means of eight four inches pipes. There are four feed or flow pipes, and four returns. The temperature varies according to the weather, natural conditions being adhered to as much as possible. But otherwise the temperature ranges 53 degrees by day, and 50 degrees by night. The temperature is regulated by valves in the pipes, turning them off or on, as occasion requires. The ventilators also play an important part in this respect, besides furnishing fresh air, without which plants like human beings will not flourish. Water and syringing done by means of hose and watering cans.

The next house was the Carnation house. This house is kept much cooler, the desired temperature being 50 degrees by day and 40 degrees by night. The difference between the day and night temperature, is because the atmosphere outside, under natural conditions, is warmer by day than by night. There is also a large water tank in this house under the bench, kept filled with water, by means of which evaporation takes place, and so maintains a damp atmosphere, which this race of plants loves. Most interesting of all was the propagation of temperate plants, which is here carried on. Here, was a small bench filled with clean sand, and supplied with the bottom heat, devoted to that purpose. Propagation is carried on by inserting slips or cuttings of plants desired into the sand, in which they root readily, and are then transplanted to soil to make in time useful plants. Propagation is also carried on by seed, but the cutting method is more chiefly adopted, as quicker and truer results are obtained.

Next we passed into the Rose house—the queen among flowers. This house is kept as far as possible, at night be a temperature of 58 to 60 degrees, with a rise, of from 5 to 10 degrees during the day, according to the weather conditions prevailing on the outside. The rose plants in this house were still in a baby stage, having been planted therein about three weeks ago. The cuttings of which these plants are the outcome, were stuck (rooted) in the sand last January, and took three weeks to root, then they were transferred into pots, and kept growing till they were again transplanted to the benches as we saw them. These, we were told, could now be flowering. But all flower buds are picked off before they develop. The object of this is to throw all vitality of the plants into making wood, thus making strong and robust plants, on which the crop of flowers to be obtained will depend.

Passing from this house, we entered the Stove or Tropical house. Most of the plants in this house partake of a tropical nature. Necessarily this house was kept much warmer than the others, the night temperature being 65 degrees and the day 70 or more. This also had the glass shaded, as the ferns and other plants cannot flourish under the direct rays of the sun. There was in this house a tank also, for the same purpose as previously mentioned. We were very interested in this house as to the propagation of ferns. We saw them as they were in all stages of growth, from the spores or seed just germinated, which resembled a mossy substance on the surface of the soil from small plants with one leaf, getting larger and larger until

they finally reached mature or seed bearing stage. One thing that impressed me, was that every method must conform to nature; such as soil which must be the same as that in which plants are found naturally; temperature, which must be the same as that from whence the plants came, and watering, which is considered one of the most important, and which must be done judiciously, or otherwise will result in a lasting injury to the plant; and, lastly, the atmospheric conditions must be maintained by dampening the floors and syringing the plants themselves.

These few rules we have here give are for the guidance of amateurs. As one of the most important results to be obtained from them is the judiciousness with which they are watched. Where there is too much water, the soil is apt to become sour, and where there is too little the roots of the plants dry, thus resulting in sapping out the vitality of the plant. There were many other interesting things shown, too numerous to mention, but it gave us a very comprehensive idea of what an enormous amount of time and patience is required in this branch of business.

Mrs. Frank Roberts accompanied by Mrs. Joe Lancaster and Miss Clara Lancaster, called at the Institution one day last week.

The boys chipped in and bought a watermelon on Thursday evening last, and had an enjoyable time feasting on it.

Miss Mackinson, in company with Misses Judge, Meyer and Hutter, visited the Aquarium, at the Battery, on Thursday last.

Matron Wilcox drove over the new Speedway one day last week, and had a chance to see the large number of fast trotters, etc.

Mr. E. A. Hodgson saw Hoy, the deaf-mute ball player, play with the Louisville nine, against the New Yorkers on the Polo Grounds Friday.

The stairs on the south side of the school building are now receiving attention at the hands of the carpenters.

Now that the Speedway has been opened to the public, very few of the numerous fast horses that frequented the road in front of the school, come this way.

Miss Fanny Weidhans, instructor of shirt-making, is the next to become of a devotee wheeling, she having received her new wheel a few days ago.

A large birch tree, on the playground fronting the Mansion House, was blown down doing damage to several other trees, during the height of the wind storm last Wednesday.

Principal Currier returned Tuesday from his absence in attendance at the National Educational Association Convention.

Mrs. Wilcox left Monday noon for Asbury Park, N. J., where she will sojourn for a short time, meanwhile the duties and responsibility of matron will rest heavily upon the shoulders of Miss Prudence Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox and son Roe, returned from a trip through Sullivan Co., and are now enjoying the remainder of their vacation, taking drives over the country within a radius of fifteen miles of the school daily.

Miss Wehendorfer, who just commenced to ride a bicycle, after two days' lessons, performed a wondrous feat of wheeling to Inwood, three miles north of this place, without dismounting once. She is improving every day.

There are now only eleven boys and ten girls remaining here. They eat their meals on the south side in the large dining room, while all the other tables that are there are empty, presenting a deserted appearance, and making the room look cold.

Mr. Edward Clearwater, master of the carpenter shop, received from his son, who is now camped at Chickamauga Park, a large engraved chart of his regiment. It contains a space for the roster of the company, and the whole is bordered with beautiful pictures of soldiers in the midst of battle.

While Mr. Klain, our tailor, was pressing some clothing the other day, the plastering of the ceiling came down on his cranium, unexpectedly. He let his hot iron drop, and took to his heels, thinking the house was coming down. If you want to know how mad he is, just ask him.

Assistant Steward Hugh Conley Seward returned Tuesday from his month's vacation.

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With two minor exceptions, all the officers, teachers and employees of the Institution have been re-appointed. The Board of Managers declined to honor the resignation of E. P. Cleary over a misunderstanding with the Superintendent, and he will stay on the staff. He is distinguishing himself as a fine teacher of up-to-date ideas, as a prominent deaf-mute who visited his school-room told me, and evidently the Board knew what it was to let him go.

Frank Read, Sr., whom it was given out would retire, will be at his old stand again. The Board was advised to cut down a certain teacher's salary \$200, but declined to do it, and other matters looking toward the school's improvement were discussed and acted upon.

The deaf-mutes had a veritable picnic this independence day, at the Square. There were about thirty of them with some of our country folks. It is doubted if there were more patriotic persons in all Jacksonville than Messrs. Rogers and Molohon. They had a cannon made out of a steel car-wheel axle a foot long, and every ten minutes its discharge would give a fair idea of Dewey's hot shot at the Spaniards. Especially in the afternoon when official news was received about the sinking of Cervera's fleet, did the enthusiasm run to a high pitch. In the cannon, the great multitude of people at the Square heard the noisy testimony of their silent patriotism, which was also demonstrative of their delight over the naval victory at Santiago.

The girls—yes there were a number of them as pretty as ever came down the pike. The treacherous Fourth of July imp flew around them with no end of annoyance, but still they enjoyed it.

It has been aired in the local and Capital papers that Supt. Gordon was offered the Superintendency of the Lexington Avenue School in New York City, at a salary of \$6,000 per year. He was reticent when approached on this subject, but intimated that he would certainly accept a place paying twice as much as he is getting now, just as any man of business acumen would do.

Mr. Molohon's new dwelling near the Institution grounds is nearing completion. About the time active hostilities broke out between us Yankees and the Dons, he injected dynamite into a few tree stumps around the house, to clear them away. The noise was probably strong enough to be heard a few miles, and at the school, the less-informed pupils anxiously asked everybody, even the teachers, if the Spaniards had entered Jacksonville and were fighting our boys in blue.

Prof. D. Webster George was found to be the same old Kentucky Colonel as of yore. He is making his best as a grass-widower, Mrs. George and the children having gone to Fox Lake, near overgrown Chicago.

Dr. Philip G. Gillett is quietly summering here at his dwelling, which was formerly the residence of William Jennings Bryan. The advance of years is telling on him.

W. H. Schaub, of St. Louis, spent two days visiting relatives here. Speaking of the war, Col. D. W. George said that his father, also a deaf-mute, was a volunteer in a Kentucky Federal company during the Civil War, but never got a chance to whizz a bullet at the enemy. However, he was not the only pebble on the beach then, there being about four other mutes scattered over the State. In the present conflict, it remains for a deaf-mute volunteer enlisted to be recorded.

Rev. Frank Read will not preach at St. Louis any more this summer. Thomas Hamline and Arthur Rink are enjoying camp life on the Illinois River, near Beardstown.

The deaf-mutes of Jacksonville, Peoria and Springfield will have their annual outing at Havana, Ill., on August 18th.

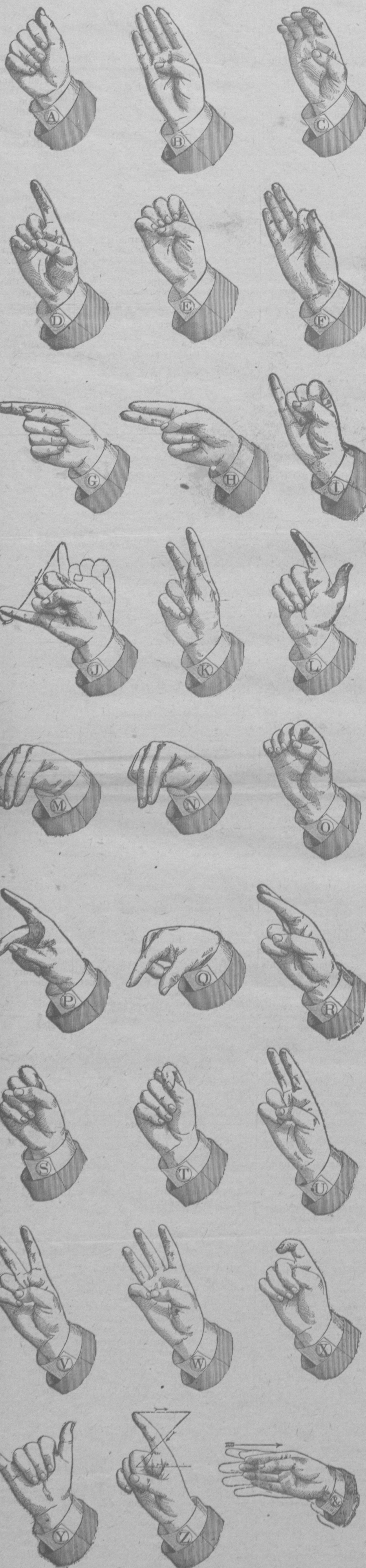
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Read, Jr., will be in Washington, D. C., this week on an excursion.

John Harper expects to attend the St. Louis Deaf-Mute Club's picnic, August 20th.

W. L. Tilton, the debonnaire athletic-looking young fellow, has been in Peoria since school closed. His mission thither, where he took along nothing but his finest, etc., can be easily guessed at.

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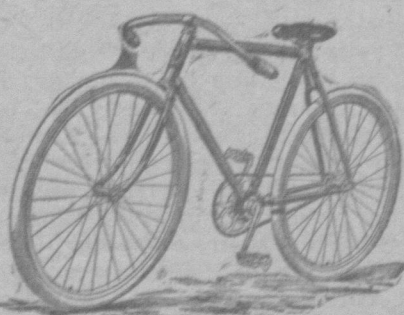
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